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## New Hummer fleet rolls into 9th district

BY GUNNERY SGT. LAURA GAWECKI  
9th Marine Corps District

Recruiters from the 9th Marine Corps District are breathing in that fresh off-the-lot car smell of the new fleet of Event Marketing Vehicles - the red High-Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles.

Eight smaller, more environmentally friendly, less expensive, recruiting-tactical Hummer H3s have arrived.

The District-leased H3s will supplant the two existing EMVs. One will be maintained at each of the eight Midwest recruiting stations.

Reduced costs allowed decentralized control to recruiting station commanders. This produces a greater ability for each recruiting station to saturate its marketing opportunities, which is why the 9th MCD added the H3s, said Capt. Kirk Dooley, District marketing officer.

Under the old EMV program, recruiters were limited to two vehicles, that were shared by all recruiting stations to cover myriad community relation's opportunities, Enhanced Area Canvassing events, and high school visits.

"Having the H3 at the RS-level will allow me to get into more (EAC) events and last-minute events," said Sgt. Matthew Shelato, RS St. Louis marketing and public affairs representative.

Gunnery Sgt. Lonnell V. Jones, staff non-commissioned officer-in-charge of Recruiting Substation Crown Point, RS Chicago, said he used the old EMV whenever he could.

"But having our own vehicle will help us to logistically plan for all of our events," he said. "Now we won't have to compete with the other RSs."

The old program was expensive because of maintenance and transportation costs. Although there was an initial outlay of money spent on graphics, and audio and video upgrades for the vehicles, this program is still cheaper to maintain, and will cost much less than in subsequent years, said Dooley.

While the primary functions of the original olive-drab HMMWVs are as cargo/troop carriers, armament carriers and TOW missile system carriers - a newer prototype was deemed necessary for recruiting's special needs.

Several years ago, District obtained a modified militarized version of the HMMWV, painted a dazzling red, with sword decals and a state-of-the-art sound system, and maintained it at 9th MCD.

A civilianized hard-back EMV later was added and staged at RS Chicago. Designed for the single purpose of attracting America's youth, the vehicles proved successful in providing recruiters with the opportunity for face-to-face interaction with potential applicants.

Although the H3 EMV has the capability to ford 24 inches of water at 5 mph, can scale a 60 percent slope, and climb a 16-inch vertical wall, it's not a battle-proven tactical vehicle. Yet, its purpose remains the same: To recruit.

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### THE REDCOATS ARE COMING



The anticipated and free Marine Corps Battle Color Ceremony is scheduled to appear at the depot's Shepherd Memorial Drill Field and Pavilion Saturday at 1:30 p.m. In the case of inclement weather the ceremony will be postponed until Sunday at 1:30 p.m. To find out if the event has been cancelled call the depot officer of the day on Saturday at (619) 524-8700. Jess Levens/Chevron

## Improved security training prepares Marines to protect

BY LANCE CPL. DORIAN GARDNER  
Chevron staff

Headquarters and Service Battalion held this year's first revised Ground Security Force training evolution from Feb. 21 to Feb. 23 on the depot and Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

A group of depot Marines began their training at the battalion classroom with a class on antiterrorism and the realities that the military is faced with today.

"GSF is a necessity," said Sgt. Raymond Acosta, combat readiness instructor. "If not GSF, then some extra layer of security

just in case something was to happen."

GSF Marines are mobilized primarily for visiting days and recruit graduations when the depot's visitors may reach figures in the thousands. To ensure safety, Marines are positioned at checkpoints along with military policemen to assist in security and vehicle inspections.

The depot hosts many city-related events as well. The Rock 'n' Roll Marathon marks its finish line at the depot every year, and with the marathon comes vendors, runners and spectators.

During events like these, Marines are utilized as vehicle inspectors, gate guards,

bag searchers and general security.

Each Marine needs to know how to interact with civilians and how to look for irregular behavior. It is vital for him to de-escalate a situation where someone being inspected may get out of hand, according to Staff Sgt. Brian K. Fernandez, military policeman.

On the first day of this three-day training evolution, classes consumed the day. By the second day, the instructor became a little more hands-on. Fernandez hosted a class on take downs, pressure and leg holds Tuesday, while Acosta introduced Marines to the M1014 combat shotgun.

The shotgun and the M9 pistol are the only two weapons utilized by GSF Marines. The M16 A2 service rifle was authorized at one point until the shotgun was introduced.

"The primary reason (for using shotguns) is because if there were to be a negligent discharge, the round would have no affect after 40 yards," said Acosta.

Housing and business buildings lie just outside Gate 5 along with the Pacific Coast Highway. A rifle round will travel for thousands of yards and may possibly hit something, where as buck shot will be

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Mike Brown, director of the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society for Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, accepts the first donation of the society's campaign from Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., commanding general, MCRD San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, in his office Feb. 17. Donations go to active duty and retired Navy and Marine families who might find themselves in a financial pinch and in need of a little assistance. Active duty military members should donate to their command campaign key person. Key persons may be located by contacting

the command chairpersons. For 12th Marine Corps District contact Capt. Jeremy B. Chesla, (619) 524-5590. For Recruit Training Regiment contact Capt. Bettina R. Luis, 524-0367. And for Headquarters and Service Battalion contact Capt. Daryl Moore, 524-4665. For those not affiliated with a command at the depot, donations may be made to NMCRS by visiting Building 14. For more information log onto [www.nmcrossandiego.com](http://www.nmcrossandiego.com), or call (619) 524-5734. *Staff Sgt. Jeff Janowiec/Chevron*

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visually-stimulated youth, its appearance has been modified yet again.

These H3s have on-board televisions designed to play motivational recruiting DVDs to keep the attention of our target-market age group and give the recruiter a good opportunity to talk with them.

"It's definitely a midsize, smaller than you might expect of a Hummer," Dooley said, "but they have a very striking and unique design for the novelty value needed in an EMV."

The basic image of the EMV, though, is not new. The design keeps with the proven, yet simple theme of the old EMVs, incorporating the enlisted and officer's sword motif, unique to the Marine Corps. "The design reflects that which is enduring and noble: Unchanging," Dooley said. "The iconic use of the swords, representative of the Dress Blue uniform,

should symbolize what today's youth want to become, rather than currently are."

Previously, two Marines - an Extended Active Duty recruiter stationed at RS Chicago and a recruiter at District were assigned to accompany each of the old EMVs at EAC, high school, and community relation's events to assist with recruiting. With the introduction of the

H3s, these two billets will rotate back into production recruiters, Dooley said.

The H3 has the guts to perform in grueling desert races over dry riverbeds in events such as the Baja 1000, and features an advertising campaign promising adventure. District's basic hope is that potential applicants make the analogy to the attributes of the Corps.



These seven High-Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles are among eight trucks to help support the recruitment efforts throughout the Midwest recruiting area. *Official USMC photo*



Lance Cpl. William D. Dyson, 3rd Tracks Amphibious Assault Battalion, 1st Marine Division, asks Enzo I. Brandolini, Iwo Jima veteran, and Bettye M. Englert, an Iwo Jima veteran's wife, questions about the historical battle at James L. Day Hall Feb. 17. *Pvt. Charlie Chavez/Chevron*

BRIEFS

Free tax service

The Legal Assistance Office is open for free tax filing for active duty, active reservists, retired service members and dependents. The office is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call the Legal Assistance Office at (619) 524-4110 or (619) 524-4111.

St. Patrick's Day run

The annual Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego St. Patrick's Day Fun Run is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. March 17. Race-day registration begins at 11:30 a.m. For online registration, visit [www.mccsmcrd.com](http://www.mccsmcrd.com), or call (619) 524-0548 for more details. Registered runners will receive a free T-shirt.

Bench Press Series 2006

This year's Bench Press Series begins with a March 22 competition at Phillips Hall, the depot fitness center. Competitions are also scheduled for July 19 and Nov. 1. For more information about the Bench Press Series, call (619) 524-0548.

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ineffective beyond the gates, according to Acosta.

While half of the class continued learning how to safely operate a combat shotgun, Fernandez instructed the other half on escort positions and takedowns.

Both classes gave Marines more confidence on duty to interact with civilians and react to situations accordingly, said to Fernandez.

"I thought it was good hands-on training," said Pfc. Carlos E. Taveras, supply clerk. "Learning the pressure points was cool. The close combat methods were great."

On the final day of training, Marines were transported to Camp Pendleton to fire on Edson Pistol Range with the shotgun. Before training was complete, they received a final class on first aid. A Navy corpsman gave instruction on how to react to certain situations such as car accidents, gun shot wounds and shock.

At the completion of this course, Marines were able to carry and utilize the M1014 combat shotgun on duty.

"They made me more aware about how to take care of situations while on GSF," said Taveras. "They need training like this. I am more confident now and ready to give it a try."

After the changes were made, the GSF training program is more helpful and time-compressed, according to Acosta. To assist PMO in the protection of the depot, the battalion looks forward to having all noncommissioned officers and below GSF qualified. There will be four more packages for GSF in order to have Marines ready for the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon in June.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

How you finish matters

BY NAVY CAPT. J. W. POOLE  
*Depot chaplain*

There is a story told about a news reporter interviewing Dwight David Eisenhower while he was president of the United States. The reporter asked the president, "Who is the one man in all the world whom you most admire, respect and look up to?"

The president thought for a moment and replied, "The one person in all the world whom I most admire, respect and look up to really is not a man but a woman. And that woman is my mother. "I can remember an event that took place when I was a little boy. My mother and my brothers and I were at the kitchen table playing a game of cards. Not the kind of card games that you might be thinking. You see my mother was a straight-laced, down-to-earth, common sense type person.

"I remember this event as if it happened yesterday. My mother, on this occasion, had dealt each of us a hand of cards. I remember looking at my cards and beginning to mumble and complain about how bad it was. After dealing out the cards, my mother gently placed her cards facedown on the table and told each of us to do the same.

"Looking around at each of us sitting at the table, she said these powerful words:

"Boys, listen to me, especially you Dwight. I want you to look around this room. In it are people who genuinely love and care about you. Every now and then, every one of us will deal you an unusually difficult and challenging hand. Boys, one of these days you are going to go out

into the real world where people do not like you as much as your brothers and I do. Some of these people will intentionally and deliberately deal you some unusually difficult and seemingly impossible hands.

"But boys when they do this, I do not want you to sit around mumbling, grumbling and complaining. No, I want you to do one thing and one thing only. I want you to remember that you are an Eisenhower and we, Eisenhowers, play out the hands that are dealt us."

This story is a reminder that life is not always fair and sometimes people do not always appreciate us, or our good faith efforts. Nevertheless, we have a moral obligation to rise above, with the help of God, and overcome the negative opposition and stumbling blocks that, from time-to-time, are placed along our paths.

My challenge to you this month is for you to be more like that one person in the entire world that you most admire, respect and look up to. You need to remember that they, like you, have had their dark nights of the soul, times when they had every reason to give up, but they refused to quit or become bitter. They did not give up, give out or give in, because they knew not only who they were, but also Whose they were. In closing, I leave you with these thoughts from a poem by Mother Theresa entitled, "Do It Anyway."



Educational tax credit available

BY CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER  
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*Depot legal assistance officer*

There are two education tax credits available, the Hope Credit and the Lifetime Learning Credit. The credits are based on education expenses paid for you, your spouse or your dependents. During any particular year, you can claim only one of the credits for each student.

The amount of the credit is determined by the amount you pay for 'qualified tuition and related expenses' for each student and the amount of your modified adjusted gross income.

Expenses that qualify are tuition and fees required for enrollment or attendance at an accredited college, university, vocational school or other post-secondary educational institution that is eligible to participate in a student aid

program administered by the Department of Education.

Qualified expenses do not include room and board, insurance, transportation, or other similar personal, living or family expenses. Qualified expenses may include fees for books, supplies and equipment only if the fees must be paid to the school for the student's enrollment or attendance. In addition, qualified expenses may include student activity fees if the fee must be paid to the school for the student's enrollment or attendance.

You can claim a Hope Credit only for an 'eligible student'. An eligible student is a student who:

•As of the beginning of the year, has not completed the first two years of post-secondary education (that is, generally is a freshman or sophomore in college).

•Is enrolled in a program that leads

to a degree, certificate, or other recognized educational credential, for at least one academic period beginning during the year.

•Is taking at least one-half of the normal full-time workload for the student's course of study for at least one academic period beginning during the calendar year, and is free of any federal or state felony conviction for possessing or distributing a controlled substance as of the end of the year.

You can claim a Hope Credit for only two tax years for each eligible student. An eligible student can be you, your spouse or your dependent for whom you claim an exemption.

The Lifetime Learning Credit is not based on the student's workload. It is allowed for one or more courses that the student takes at an eligible educational institution. The credit is not limited to students in the first two years of

post-secondary education. Expenses for graduate-level degree work are eligible.

However, to be eligible for the credit, the student must be taking course work in order to acquire or improve job skills. There is no limit on the number of tax years for which the Lifetime Learning credit can be claimed for each student. The amount you can claim as a credit does not vary (i.e., increase) based on the number of students for whom you pay qualified expenses.

Both the Hope Credit and Lifetime Learning Credit may be reduced, or eliminated, if your modified adjusted gross income exceeds certain limits, based on your filing status. You cannot claim either credit if you are married or filing a separate return.

For additional information on education credits, refer to Publication 970, <http://www.irs.gov/publications/p970/index.html>, Tax Benefits for Education.



Do it Anyway - by Mother Theresa

**People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered;  
Love and forgive them anyway.  
If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;  
Be kind anyway.  
If you are successful you will win some false friends and true enemies;  
Succeed anyway.  
If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;  
Be honest and frank anyway.  
The biggest (people) with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest (people) with the smallest minds.  
Think big anyway.  
People favor underdogs, but follow only top dogs.  
Fight for some underdog anyway.  
What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;  
Build anyway.  
If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;  
Be happy anyway.  
The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;  
Do good anyway.  
Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;  
Give the world the best you have anyway.  
After all, it's not between you and them, it is always between you and God.**



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Sgt. Esequiel Romero, center, and a group of Company A drill instructors encourage a recruit during Marine Corps Martial Arts training.

# In the trenches

## *A look into DIs' daily depot duties*

BY LANCE CPL. DORIAN GARDNER  
*Chevron staff*

The sounds of their cadence roll through the halls and across the grounds of the depot. With many of the depot positions civilianizing, drill instructors' presence is constant.

Between 60 and 65 Marines go to Drill Instructor School each cycle. During this training period, students learn methods of training recruits to become United States Marines.

The overall goal of this institution is to give these students as much knowledge from their instructors' own experiences, as best they can, according to Gunnery Sgt. Christopher L. Hambaugh, Drill Instructor School instructor.

Every instructor served time in the trenches before he became an instructor at the school. Drill instructors refer to the recruit training battalions as the trenches.

Instructors do everything they can to ready these Marines for the drill field.

"When we graduate Marines, we make sure they are set up," said Hambaugh. "The decisions they make while training recruits will determine their success or failure, but every Marine leaves here with the tools."

The average drill instructor has a shelf life of three years on the depot. He may spend two years with recruits and one at a battalion office or on quota, which is a period in a drill instructor's term where he may step away from training recruits to specialize in one aspect of training – usually swim qualifications or martial arts.

There are many different billets on the drill field to include a chief drill instructor, company first sergeant and battalion sergeant major. Drill instructors who excel on the drill field may extend their term here.

Some students are misled to believe that going to D.I. School is like going back to boot camp all over again, said Sgt. Nicholas C. Hibbs, Company E drill instructor.

This is not the case, according to Hambaugh. "I would say it's intense," said Hambaugh. "It is stressful. The way it is set up causes a lot of self-induced stress. It gets the students stressed without us even getting involved, but Marines who truly want to be here will make it."

For 11 weeks and two days, students are educated, tested, monitored and corrected by their instructors. On the third day of the twelfth week, they accept their diplomas and graduate into one of the Corps' most famous breeds.

A recruit squad bay is a different obstacle. Facing the recruits for the first time can prove to be as stressful as forgetting a drill movement during teach-back tests at D.I. School. Teach-backs are designed for students to learn on a deadline.

Certain parts of the curriculum, like drilling movements,

require students to demonstrate their knowledge in order to move on in the course. This is also a way to ensure proper knowledge and execution of the movement.

"I was worried that I would stutter and stumble and get confused," said Sgt. Randolph D. Hubert, Company E drill instructor. "You just got to get into things until you no longer worry about what you can and can't do, but what you need to do."

After recruiters, drill instructors may place the biggest second impression on recruits, according to Hibbs.

"I do the same thing my drill instructors tried to do – successfully produce a basically-trained United States Marine," said Hibbs. "We are the ones who teach them all the basic knowledge. All the things they learn here, they are going to take to the fleet."

One of a drill instructor's biggest concerns is sending a Marine to war without proper training.

"You ask any drill instructor about one of his recruits who died in Iraq, and you will see a grown man cry," said Hubert. "It is personal pride in yourself that makes you want these kids to be better."

During the first few cycles, new drill instructors learn how to live in their new atmosphere. Life as a drill instructor can be extremely challenging due to the long hours at work and limited time for anything else. Three months at a time, drill instructors devote themselves to their recruits.

"I expected to work," said Hubert. "I expected to be hit with different problems. It's not like the fleet where you deal with 30 Marines. We deal with 80 different recruits every three months – 80 different personalities."

Sacrificing time for recruits is more of a hardship for some. "Long hours," said Hibbs. "Being away from my family was the most difficult part."

According to Hibbs, some workdays lasted 20 hours or more.

While being a drill instructor may be one of the more tiresome jobs in the Marine Corps, Hubert thought of a few reasons to sign up for the next course.

"I'm making a difference," said Hubert. "All the Marines I looked up to, master sergeants, gunnery sergeants, they were all drill instructors. I loved their leadership styles – how they lead Marines. In the beginning I did it to further my career. Now I enjoy it. Of course it's work. Your head hurts, feet hurt and you miss your TV shows."

While their mission stays the same, new drill instructors bring new flavor to Recruit Training Regiment four times a year. With sore feet and soar throats, drill instructors find a way to continue the production of the world's most powerful fighting force.



Staff Sgt. Keith Mobley orders a forward march to his platoon while the rest of Company G practices drill elsewhere. Drill is among some of the top events during recruit training. Lance Cpl. Dorian Gardner/Chevron photos



Running alongside his platoon, Sgt. Kevin Pirtle checks distance and alignment. During drill competitions, everything contributes towards the final score.



Sgt. Lavon Mitchell motivates a recruit to keep his hands during a grip exercise in the training area.



Sgt. Jorge Maleno is one of the few martial arts instructors on the depot. Drill instructors are given time away from recruits to instruct swim and martial arts.



# SECOND TIME’S A CHARM

## *Dropped from training once, Co. L Marine earns his destiny*

BY LANCE CPL. KAITLYN M. SCARBORO  
*Chevron staff*

Pfc. Joseph M. Saenz, Platoon 3065, Company L, has wanted to be a Marine his entire life.

When Saenz’s uncle was awarded a Bronze Star for heroic efforts during Desert Storm, it inspired his desire to enlist into the United States Marine Corps.

Saenz began talks with Marine Corps recruiters his freshman year in high school. His senior year in high school, he scored a 98 on his ASVAB and was encouraged to join the U.S. Air Force by his peers and family.

Saenz was a member of the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program in high school and knew what it was like to wear a uniform. But his ultimate intentions were to wear a uniform he could have full pride in. Saenz’s desire to wear the Marine Corps’ emblem continued to flourish.

“I tried to talk him out of it. I wanted the structure for him without the war,” said his mother, Eloise M. Saenz. “He just couldn’t do it. He had to be a Marine and that was it.”

After high school, Saenz mother wanted him to attend college despite his intense desire to enlist. An agreement held between the two: If Saenz attended college and was unhappy, his mother would then support whatever else he chose to do with his life.

During his first semester at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Saenz ran into a Marine Corps officer recruiter. Saenz joined the Marine Corps officer program, allowing him to stay in college and pursue his career as a Marine, but in the middle of his second semester Saenz became impatient.

“I dropped out of it because I didn’t want to wait four years to be a Marine,” he said.

Saenz enlisted into the Marine Corps and was



Pfc. Joseph M. Saenz laughs at the expense of some platoon mates while he cleans up his uniform.



Pfc. Joseph M. Saenz, Platoon 3065, Company L, came to recruit training once, but he left training because of a foot problem. Lance Cpl. Kaitlyn M. Scarboro/Chevron photos

shipped off to boot camp for the first time Feb. 22, 2005.

On the seventh day of training, Saenz was sent to the depot Branch Medical Clinic and dropped from training when doctors discovered that the heel of his right foot was completely hollow.

“He came (home) and he just couldn’t wait for the day to go back,” said Eloise.

Saenz knew of his condition before boot camp. During high school, he learned that a cyst in his heel bone had never solidified as he grew up, leaving a hole filled with liquid. Doctors had injected his heel with a fluid that was supposed to fix the problem, according to Saenz.

He was told he wouldn’t have any further problems with it and didn’t think twice about it while enlisting.

“I didn’t understand why they were going to put more liquid in to get rid of the other liquid,” he said of his high school surgery.

But when his heel was checked during recruit training, doctors weren’t sure that Saenz would be able to complete training with his heel the way it was.

Saenz was given a choice to stay at the depot pending surgery but declined to have the Marine Corps pay for his surgery because he would be away from his daughter for an estimated nine months during reha-

bilitation. Instead, Saenz decided to go home to his family and rethink his decision to enlist. With so many problems, Saenz was unsure if he was intended to be a Marine, according to him.

“If this happened, maybe God didn’t want me here. Maybe God didn’t want me to be a Marine,” Saenz told himself.

“It was the first phase of boot camp so I hated being here ... but I wanted to be a Marine so bad,” he said. “Going back to the real world was hurtful.”

Saenz returned home March 22, exactly one month after leaving for the depot, and had a second surgery done on his heel April 1.

This time doctors performed a more extensive surgery, cutting open Saenz’s heel, extracting the liquid in it and stuffing the hole with man-made bone, according to Saenz.

This time Saenz was able to return to recruit training, after spending several months on crutches and three months working at a hunting and game store. There was no doubt that was what he wanted to do.

“I never wanted a nine-to-five because I think it would bore me. I think something like (the Marine Corps) would be a little more unusual,” said Saenz.

The nearest recruiting station was an hour north of his hometown in Pearsall, Texas, but Saenz drove as often as he needed to in order to make sure his second time at recruit training wasn’t going to end with anything less than a new Marine.

While at boot camp, Saenz proved himself worthy of the title Marine.









“He carries himself as a professional,” said Senior Drill Instructor Staff Sgt. Jesse James Dorsey, platoon 3065

“He’s ahead of the other recruits. He looks out for (their) welfare. To me he’s like one of the best recruits we’ve got,” said Dorsey.

Saenz was selected by his drill instructors to hold the billet of company scribe where he is tasked with clerical and logistical responsibilities for the entire company as well as his own platoon, according to Dorsey.

“I’m proud of him. I know he’s joining an honorable organization. Before he went, he told us he was going to be the best. I realized that when he got somewhere he likes, he will strive to be the best,” said Eloise.

His loyalty to the eagle, globe and anchor encouraged Saenz during his struggle to become a Marine. Through minor set backs in his training, he has made it through boot camp. The pride of wearing the emblem of the Marine Corps is all Saenz wanted in return, and that’s exactly what he earned.

 <i>Platoon 3065</i> <b>COMPANY HONOR MAN</b> Lance Cpl. M. M. McKim Oceanside, Calif. Recruited by Staff Sgt. J. Pfister	 <i>Platoon 3061</i> <b>SERIES HONOR MAN</b> Pfc. T. J. Beck Redlands, Calif. Recruited by Staff Sgt. R. Meza	 <i>Platoon 3062</i> <b>PLATOON HONOR MAN</b> Pfc. C. Tetziadt Battle Ground, Wash. Recruited by Sgt. N. Howard	 <i>Platoon 3063</i> <b>PLATOON HONOR MAN</b> Pfc. J. M. Chapman Wenatchee, Wash. Recruited by Sgt. S. M. Harris	 <i>Platoon 3066</i> <b>PLATOON HONOR MAN</b> Pfc. M. D. Becker Vernon Hills, Ill. Recruited by Staff Sgt. N. J. Roman	 <i>Platoon 3067</i> <b>PLATOON HONOR MAN</b> Pfc. A. S. Miller Kingsville, Texas Recruited by Sgt. J. R. Flores	 <i>Platoon 3065</i> <b>HIGH SHOOTER (238)</b> Pvt. R. A. Garcia Redding, Calif. Marksmanship instructor Sgt. M. Canahui	 <i>Platoon 3063</i> <b>HIGH PFT (300)</b> Pfc. R. P. Hernandez Kent, Wash. Recruited by Staff Sgt. H. A. Ditson
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# LIMA COMPANY



Company L recruits practice Marine Corps Martial Arts during a close-combat exercise, also known as a CCX, in which recruits rehearse their techniques. Pvt. Charlie Chavez/Chevron

## Retired Sgt. Maj. Jose Martinez Jr.

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Retired Sgt. Maj. Jose Martinez Jr. was born on Oct. 8, 1952 in Sonora, Ariz. He entered the Marine Corps June 25, 1971, and completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

After recruit training, he was assigned to O Company, Infantry Training Regiment. Upon completion of military occupational specialty training, Martinez was transferred to 3rd Force Service Regiment, where he provided direct support to units involved in ground combat operations in the Republic of Vietnam. In 1972 he came back to the United States as a lance corporal.

After serving three years with Marine Corps Property Branch, Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Ariz. Martinez was, in 1976, transferred to 1st Field Artillery Group, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif., and in March 1979 he went back overseas to serve in the 3rd Marine Division inspector’s office.

In May 1980 Martinez began the first

of two tours on independent duty with Inspector-Instructor Staff, New Castle, Pa. Upon completion of this tour in May 1983, Martinez was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron MCAS, Yuma. During July 1986 he was assigned to his second tour of independent duty with Inspector-Instructor Staff, Lathrop, Calif. He was, in October 1988, transferred to 2nd Light Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion, Marine Air Control Group 38, Yuma.

Upon promotion to first sergeant in May 1990, he was reassigned to Battalion Landing Team, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines (Marine Expeditionary Unit/Special operations capability) as company first sergeant for C Co. (Raid Co.). During December 1990, BLT 1/1 began deployment to Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Desert Shield, becoming part of Task Force ‘Papa Bear’. During Operation Desert Storm, Martinez was involved in ground combat operations en route to Kuwait International Airport. He returned back to the United States in April 1991.

In May Martinez was reassigned to 1st Marine Regiment and participated in Operation Peace-Maker during May 1992, in support of the Compton, Calif.

Police Department, while attached to Special Purpose Surveillance Reconnaissance Intelligence Group, 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force. Upon Completion of his overseas obligation he returned back to the states and was assigned to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, as a company first sergeant, where he was instrumental in the training of more than 50,000 recruits.

During April 1996, Martinez was promoted to his present rank and assigned duties as sergeant major for Marine Wing Support Squadron 372, Marine Wing Support Group 37, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

On September 1997, he was reassigned as sergeant major for Marine Wing Support Squadron 371, Marine Wing Support Group 37, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, MCAS Yuma, where he remained until being assigned as the sergeant major for MCB Camp Fuji, Japan during October 2000. His last duty assignment was as the Combined Arms Training Center, Camp Fuji, Japan sergeant major from Nov. 1 to Oct. 19, 2001.

Martinez’s personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with



Gold Star in lieu of second award, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Combat ‘V’, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with Gold Star in lieu of second award, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal and Combat Action Ribbon with Gold Star in lieu of second award.

Martinez is married to the former Raquel Rivera Esparza. They have two daughters Tayde, Martha and one son Jose. He currently resides in Yuma.

*These are America’s newest Marines and their leaders at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. Company L graduates 276 men today:*

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*Sergeant Major*  
Sgt. Maj. S. B. Mearkle  
*Chaplain*  
Lt. F. Munoz  
*Battalion Drill Master*  
Gunnery Sgt. I. T. Ramirez

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Capt. W. F. Brown  
*Company First Sergeant*  
1st Sgt. R. A. Mather  
*Company Corpsman*  
Petty Officer 3rd Class J. O. Kegley

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*Series Commander*  
1st Lt. T. Garlock  
*Series Gunnery Sergeant*  
Staff Sgt. R. A. Cruz

**SERIES 3065**  
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Capt. N. Goddeau  
*Series Gunnery Sergeant*  
Gunnery Sgt. C. A. Ruiz

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*Drill Instructors*  
Staff Sgt. S. G. Moyer  
Staff Sgt. J. J. Dean

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Pvt. K. S. Adriano  
Pvt. A. Agnew  
Pvt. R. J. Ashbery  
Pfc. T. J. Beck  
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Pvt. J. M. Carmona  
Pvt. A. Carrillo  
Pfc. D. A. Conley  
Pvt. L.E. Cross  
Pfc. J. G. Diettker  
Pvt. S. Elsayed  
Pvt. B. A. Fipps  
Pvt. E. A. Fitch  
\*Pfc. A. E. Gean  
Pvt. D. C. Grashoff  
Pvt. P. N. Guerrero  
Pfc. R. Heidenreich  
Pvt. R. C. Holloway  
Pfc. J. D. Hotz  
Pvt. T. J. Hovinga  
Pfc. S. F. Keebler  
Pvt. E. A. Meneses  
Pvt. C. D. Murphy  
Pvt. C. J. Olayo  
Pvt. C. J. O’neal  
Pvt. S. J. Pechin  
Pfc. E. A. Rodriguez  
Pvt. I. A. Rodriguez  
Pvt. A. L. Rundall  
Pvt. R. N. Schoening  
Pfc. C. R. Slade  
Pvt. M. M. Sleuth  
\*Pfc. J. L. Smith

Pfc. F. Tagoi  
Pfc. L. W. Velazquez  
  
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Sgt. J. C. Torres

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Pvt. J. Ayala  
Pvt. D. Baker  
Pfc. R. Balsz  
Pvt. J. L. Barr III  
Pvt. C. J. Brewer  
Pfc. J. C. Cañahan  
Pvt. R. F. Chessher  
Pvt. J. Cloyd  
Pfc. J. R. Degiovine  
Pvt. M. Eberle  
Pvt. S. Esser  
Pvt. J. A. Faught  
Pvt. J. G. Ferrara  
Pvt. D. Frost  
Pvt. V. M. Gardenhire  
Pvt. R. A. Gatewood  
Pfc. M. D. Gomez  
Pvt. Z. Grant  
\*Pfc. J. Guillen  
Pvt. C. J. Hansen  
Pvt. M. W. Harris  
Pvt. P. M. Herman  
Pvt. E. O. Joe  
Pvt. L. Johnson  
Pfc. T. D. Keele  
Pvt. J. Leon  
Pfc. A. P. Lewis  
Pvt. A. J. Lopez  
Pfc. C. Edwards  
Pvt. J. A. Martinez  
Pvt. S. Marinez  
Pfc. A. Mathis  
Pvt. D. A. Lucero  
Pvt. B. Miller  
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Pvt. R. Mulherin  
Pvt. J. A. Murray  
Pvt. P. Orshell  
Pvt. B. J. Ornelas  
\*Pfc. C. T. Osburn IV  
Pvt. D. Peterson  
Pvt. H. R. Ramos  
Pvt. C. A. Jackson  
Pvt. E. L. Rodgers  
Pfc. T. Rowe  
Pvt. H. SalazarSoto  
Pvt. M. J. Silvius  
\*Pfc. C. Tetziadt  
Pvt. T. U. Thai  
Pvt. C. Villalpando  
Pvt. T. Wells

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Sgt. I. S. Orta

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Pvt. D. S. Ayers  
Pfc. J. E. Banta Jr.  
Pvt. J. M. Beaty  
Pfc. B. A. Bellaire  
Pvt. G. M. Borja Jr.  
Pvt. M. T. Brinkman  
Pfc. K. D. Castle  
Pvt. J. M. Chapman  
Pvt. W. A. Clay  
Pvt. L. A. Dabboub  
Pvt. J. Daniel  
Pfc. E. E. Delcid  
\*Pfc. L. A. Diaz  
Pvt. J. Drake  
Pvt. T. L. Hart  
\*Pfc. C. Heckley  
Pvt. B. R. Espinoza  
\*Pfc. D. A. Gibbs  
Pvt. J. J. Gillespie  
Pvt. J. Gooch  
Pvt. T. M. Harris

Pvt. P. A. Harvey  
\*Pfc. J. J. Hernandez  
Pvt. O. R. Hernandez  
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\*Pfc. F. Hernandez-Molina Jr.  
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Pvt. C. A. Jackson  
Pvt. H. Johnston  
Pfc. K. L. Leavitt  
Pfc. C. A. Martin  
Pvt. N. S. Martin  
Pfc. T. Medema  
Pfc. A. C. Richards  
Pvt. J. P. Sharp  
Pvt. A. S. Shaylor  
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Staff Sgt. J. S. Valerio  
Sgt. J. M. Rogers

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Pvt. J. C. Antonson  
Pvt. T. Bailey  
Pvt. J. L. Balbuena  
Pvt. O. Briseno  
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Pvt. C. M. Burke  
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Pvt. T. L. Curley  
Pvt. M. J. Dombrowski  
Pvt. C. P. Kannard  
Pfc. J. P. Kuebler

Pvt. L. J. Lamphere  
Pvt. S. Longoria  
Pvt. J. M. Maiberg  
Pvt. R. C. Martinez  
Pvt. L. Medlin  
Pvt. J. A. Moglia  
Pfc. J. J. Montellano Jr.  
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Pvt. M. R. Otero  
Pvt. G. A. Perez  
Pvt. D. S. Radford  
Pvt. S. K. Reeves  
Pvt. G. M. Rninger  
Pvt. J. F. Robinson  
Pvt. C. E. Rogers  
Pfc. J. M. Saenz  
Pvt. E. E. Santisteven  
Pvt. M. J. Schwartz  
Pvt. I. H. Smith  
Pvt. W. Springer  
Pvt. R. L. Tipton  
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Pfc. B. B. Anderson  
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Pvt. H. R. Faircloth  
Pvt. B. L. Flores  
Pvt. D. J. Friets  
Pfc. J. M. Hall  
Pvt. S. W. Hicks II  
Pfc. M. D. Jose  
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Pvt. J. R. Martin  
Pvt. O. Martinez  
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Pvt. J. M. Phillips  
Pvt. J. M. Plessinger  
Pvt. M. Ponce  
Pvt. T. L. Preston  
Pvt. C. B. Pulliam  
Pfc. E. P. Quam  
Pfc. M. Quijas  
Pvt. G. Ramirez  
Pvt. A. M. Rook  
Pvt. M. A. Rubiolanderos  
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Pvt. F. Salas  
Pvt. J. F. Sandusky  
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Pvt. S. Schiffman  
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Pfc. J. D. Tameta  
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Pvt. B. A. Thomas  
Pvt. D. Tiggins  
Pvt. B. P. Tripp  
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Pvt. A. A. Tunstall  
Pvt. L. Twitty  
Pvt. E. H. Valdez  
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In utilities, Sgt. Maj. Terry T. Hoskins, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion sergeant major, played Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class Matthew J. Haldeman, Pacific Area Tactical Law Enforcement Team, for the final spot in the Commanding General's Cup horseshoes pitching tournament Friday. Lance Cpl. Kaitlyn M. Scarboro/Chevron



# H&S Bn. outpitches competition, steamrolls past horseshoes tourney

BY LANCE CPL. KAITLYN M. SCARBORO  
*Chevron staff*

The Commanding General's Cup horseshoe pitching tournament was held at the depot boathouse Feb. 22 at 9 a.m. Headquarters and Service Battalion took first place, represented by Cpl. Luis Escarena, Marine Corps Absentee Collection Unit escort, followed by Floyd Flagg for Marine Corps Community Services with Sgt. Maj. Terry T. Hoskins and Staff Sgt. Mario A. Cruz fighting over third place for Recruit Training Regiment.

"If I'm older than the guy I'm playing, can I get an age waiver," joked Hoskins after he took the final available bracket in

the play-offs.

The winners of Cruz versus Escarena and Hoskins versus Flagg went head to head for first and second place and the losers played for third.

When pitching, the dominant shoe is the one closest to the stake. The measurements are taken from the opening of the shoe, explained Rachael Dickinson, depot intramural sports programmer.

The horseshoe measured closest to the stake scores one point, a leaning shoe that rests on the stake is worth two points and a ringer, a horseshoe that completely encircles the stake, is worth three points, according to Dickinson.

When Escarena was pitted against Flagg for first place, his experienced pitch-

ing technique beat all.

"I won the state Championship in '98," said Escarena, who has pitched horseshoes since he was in junior high school. "The last time I pitched was four years ago."

Escarena attributes his win to a one and three-quarters turn that landed his horseshoe around the stake three times in a row to finish off the tournament.

Competitors played to a game of 15 points to determine a win.

The horseshoe tournament is the second of this year CG's Cup tournaments that allowed an MCCS sponsored team to participate, according to Dickinson.

During events, MCCS members will take home respective trophies for placing

in the top three but, because they are not part of a military unit, MCCS wins do not contribute to CG's Cup final scores. Instead, the points earned for each of MCCS's placements will be awarded to the preceding military unit in the competition.

Many of the coastguardsmen scheduled to play could not participate, because of training, dropping the number of horseshoe pitchers from 59 to 43.

The high level of interest in the tournament was unexpected but encouraged and welcomed by coordinators.

"Due to the high interest in this event, we are now going to run a CG's cup, double's tournament on the 14th of March," said Dickinson.

## Depot destroyed by Twentynine Palms in varsity volleyball

BY LANCE CPL. KAITLYN M. SCARBORO  
*Chevron staff*

Through folly and fun, two local Marine volleyball teams scrimmaged at the Murphy Field House here Saturday at 1 p.m.

The depot varsity team used the scrimmage as practice time for the city league they have joined in support of community relations with the local public.



Depot volleyball players Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Michelle N. Gonzalez, left, and Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class Misty Durham reach out for a ball during a scrimmage. Lance Cpl. Kaitlyn M. Scarboro/Chevron

In the best-of-five scrimmage, the depot lost to Marine Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., Marine Corps Communications Electronics School Battalion's team, in all of the first six sets.

Of the 10 team members, six Marines on the MCCES team have played in the Marine Corps all-star team, the All Marine team.

"We have a lot of All Marine players that have played on the All Marine's team. It's kind of an unfair advantage," said Gunnery Sgt. Eric A. Aisoff of his MCCES team.

"For them it was fun. For us it was more of a learning experience," said Sgt. Eduardo Nuno, the depot team captain.

In the first set the depot held its opponents' winning score at 11-13 for six serves, but after one turnover MCCES took the set 15-11.

The second set was tied 3-3, but the depot failed to score again until MCCES reached a nine-point lead. After the depot's time-out, they scored two more points, but ended the second set with a score of 15-5 to guarantee a MCCES win in the first match.

"The team needs to work more as a team," said Nuno. "In order to work out our deficiencies, we need to practice."

After MCCES won the second game, the teams took a break to hydrate and play with their children who anx-

iously awaited their parents' attention.

"We're hoping it builds up to something more," said Sgt. Daniel Valdes, MCCES. "We are trying to get regionals started up again."

Aisoff explained that Marine Corps volleyball regional competitions have been cancelled since the 9/11 attacks. The deployments of Marines left too few teams to compete regionally, according to Aisoff.

During the final match, it was obvious the games were scheduled for fun and the players were enjoying themselves. For the depot, diving to save the ball was coupled with flailing arms, kicking legs and improper break-fall technique.

MCCES accompanied breast bumps and chests sets with a jump serve by Valdes that originated from a running start that didn't stop running.

"We are having an end-of-the-year team party. Any serve you miss you put 50 cents in the pot," said Valdes, explaining why he would run at his teammates screaming and waving his arms over his head as a distraction while they served.

"I knew we were going to lose when I saw them," said Nuno. "They are like a little circus. They get into the other team's head."

MCCES won the final match 25-13 and 25-14. A rematch is being scheduled for later this month.